

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT for RA/DRA Region 8

Week Ending September 4, 2020

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

- On September 9 & 10, 2020, the RA, Chief of Staff, and Division Directors are holding a meeting with the Region 8 State Directors of Environmental Quality and State Directors of Oil and Gas at the Regional office.
- On September 10, 2020, RA will meet with the new Commander of the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engineers
- On September 11, 2020, RA will meet with the Region 8 State Agricultural Commissioners
- On September 11, 2020, RA will meet with Pine Ridge Reservation for a consultation on Dewey Burdock

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WATER DIVISION

EPA Approves UIC Class VI Primacy for Wyoming

Key Message: The EPA Administrator signed a Federal Register Notice on August 31, 2020 approving the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Class VI injection well program.

- Once published in the Federal Register, Wyoming will be the second state in the nation to implement its own UIC Class VI injection well program (after North Dakota in 2018).
- Class VI primacy authorizes the DEQ to issue and enforce injection well permits for the long-term storage of carbon dioxide from industrial and energy-related sources.
- EPA received comments from seven interested parties, all of whom offered support for Wyoming UIC Class VI primacy.
- Since receiving a complete UIC Class VI primacy application under the Governor's signature at the end of January 2020, EPA continued to work closely with the DEQ to ensure timely issuance of the proposed and final rulemakings through the Office of Water.
- EPA will continue to administer the UIC Class VI program on Indian lands within the State.
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